

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified Office Action, the Applicant submits the below remarks and respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 29-31, 33-46, 48-61 and 63-70 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,793,365 (hereinafter Tang) in view of U.S. Patent 5,668,863 (hereinafter Bieselin). The Examiner also rejected claims 32, 47 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Tang, in view of Bieselin, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,956,038 (hereinafter Rekimoto). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections for the reasons set out below.

The references individually or in combination do not teach or suggest all limitations of claim 29 or the other independent and dependent claims of the present application. The Applicant's arguments shall be presented with respect to claim 29. However, these comments are applicable to the other claims of the present application, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these comments and remarks when reviewing the other claims for allowability.

Tang does not teach or suggest the present invention, as claimed. Although the Office Action states that Tang does not teach or disclose "the one media server controlling the communicating between the user node and the plurality of the media servers to coordinate presentation of communications in the plurality of the media at the user node," the Office Action states that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to combine the teachings of Tang with the teachings of Bieselin to arrive at the present invention, as claimed. But, Bieselin does not disclose or suggest the shortcomings of Tang, specifically "the one media server controlling the communicating between the user node and the plurality of the media servers to coordinate presentation of communications in the plurality of the media at the user node."

Bieselin discloses a system for recording and retrieval of audio conferences. In Bieselin system, the users connect to the audio-conferencing system server, illustrated to Figure 1, during the conference to ensure that the conference is recorded at the server. The audio-conferencing server's functions are to record the conference that the users are participating in, the server does not control the communications between the users and other servers. In fact, Bieselin does not describe or mention any other servers besides the audio-conferencing server.

The Office Action states that because Bieselin discloses a system 100 that contains the controller, data storage, etc. then the system 100 controls communications between users and audio data, and thus, it renders the present invention, as claimed obvious when combined with the teachings of Tang. However, Bieselin does not disclose or even remotely suggest, that the system 100 illustrated in Figure 1 controls communications between users and a plurality of other media servers. The system 100 simply controls communications between users and the system 100 located at a single server.

Moreover, Bieselin does not disclose that the system 100 coordinates presentation of communications at the user's machine in a plurality of media. In fact, the system 100 does not coordinate any communications at the user's machine, the system 100 simply records the conference contents for easy playback by the users in the future.

Thus, the combination of Tang and Bieselin does not teach or suggest the present invention, as claimed, specifically at least "the one media server controlling the communicating between the user node and the plurality of the media servers to coordinate presentation of communication in the plurality of the media at the user node."

The Applicant submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) has been addressed, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. The Applicant

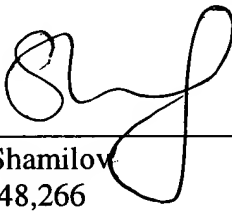
furthermore submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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